

BLM Special Recreation Permits

Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) are authorizations which allow for recreational uses of public lands and related waters. The BLM issues special recreational permits (SRPs) for **commercial uses** (including vending), **competitive events**, **organized groups** and recreation use in **special areas**.

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may need a permit from BLM:

- Are you charging a fee?
- Will there be competition?
- Will you advertise?
- Will you mark a course?
- Are you expecting vehicles at the event?
- Will anyone be paid to organize, lead or participate in the activity?
- Will your event involve public land?



Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, AK

Contact your local BLM office as early as possible to discuss an application. Turn in your application at least 180 days prior to the proposed use. Cost recovery will be charged to analyze and administer permit applicants for proposed uses that would require more than 50 hours of staff time.

Applications are evaluated to determine whether the proposed activities and events would:

- Serve the public interest, as well as interests of local communities and businesses;
- Reduce recreational use conflicts and protect public resources;
- Provide for the health, safety and quality of experience for visitors using the permittee's services;
- Enhance the quality of recreation experiences on public lands and waters; and
- Be consistent with the recreation goals and settings established for the area in the land use plan

All fees generated from SRPs are reinvested by the local field office to be used for local visitor services. For example, SRP fees are used to clean up trash, build and maintain recreation sites, restore habitat, provide accessibility, and conduct programs for youth. Permit revenue provides a fair return to the government (taxpayers) for specialized uses of public land and related waters.

A special recreation permit application can be obtained on the internet at www.blm.gov/FormsCentral and search under recreation forms for 2930-001.



